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## Tribal Election Process underway. . . .

**It's Election Time for the Little River Band!** The election is scheduled for April 27<sup>th</sup> and a Primary Election has been called due to the large number of candidates running in the General Election. There is also going to be a Candidate's Forum on January 20<sup>th</sup> at the Three Fires Conference Center. See associated articles in this Currents newspaper for further details. (Continued on page(s) 4-8)



## Hiring our people

The hiring of Tribal Members at the Little River Casino and Resort is a hot topic and it is addressed in a page 2 article . Accusations have flown, rumors have been everywhere and tempers have flared over the issue as we struggle with the need to hire our members and balance that with the needs of a professional gaming operation that has stringent rules about whom they may hire. The Board of Directors recently prepared a report looking at the actual numbers of how many Tribal Members work at LRCR and what programs are in place to help those hired to advance. The article on page 2 paints a picture of an operation that has increased member hiring by 15% in just one year; actively increased the percentage of members on staff (now up to 22%) and insured that almost half of the management group are preference employees. See the report on page 2.

## New Years Celebration! See Page 15



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## Preference Employment at the Little River Casino/Resort

On December 14<sup>th</sup>, a summary was released detailing a 'high level summary and brief of activities...at the Resort to promote and develop tribal preference.' The information was released to provide facts surrounding the often hotly debated topic of Preferential Hiring at the property.

The Directors report spelled out specifics regarding the total employable tribal workforce from the four-county area. To help ***Currents*** readers understand the statistics more thoroughly, the LRCR Human Resource Department has provided the following definition of an "employable tribal member." The applicant, "must be able to meet the minimums of the Job Description as written and per the Indian Preference Employment policy. They must also pass the pre-employment drug screen and must be able to gain a gaming license per the gaming commission regulations."

In their memo, Directors Mike Moore, Ron Sproel and Jim Wabindato, point out that definite progress has been made in the area of preference hiring. Here are some of the statistics from the memo:

- The Casino and Government employ 48% of all tribal members living in the four county region. That compares to 34% in 2004. The Casino employees 22.7% just by itself.
- The Casino has had a 15.3% increase in preference employee numbers since October of 2005. That breaks down to 16.1% increase of tribal employees; 24% increase in Descendents/Spouses and a 3% increase in Native/Other tribal members.
- The number of Casino preference employees has increased from 13.9% last year to 16% this year.
- There has been a 21.7% decrease in employable tribal members in the area. This total of 383 in 2005 is down from 489 in 2004. Information from 2006 is not yet available
- The Casino has seen a 4.1% increase in preference employees in higher level position over last year alone.
- 46% of all Managers are preference as compared to 40% in 2005.
- 50% of all Executives are preference.
- The number of Supervisors of preference has increased 3% since 2005 from 22% to 25%.
- 29% of all higher level positions are held by preference employees. That is 44 out of 151 total positions.

The memo from the Board of Directors went into length to describe the ongoing initiatives put into practice to support the preference hiring practice and included the following points:

- ***Career planning*** discussions are held with all preference employee(s) to determine their career goals and determine their experience and educational requirements to fit (the) career path. The casino/resort is experiencing a 77% participation rate at this time with this program. The remaining 23% are made up of new hires, those on hold and those who waived the opportunity.
- ***Paid Educational Time-Off Program*** has been established allowing Preference employees one week a month for education. 10% of our members working at the property are enrolled in higher education at this time.
- Preference employees are given ***priority*** over other employees to attend training opportunities that become available.
- ***Tribal Member Development*** is a part of the "Management by Objectives Goals" for all Directors, Managers and Supervisors.
- All Directors are on contracts. ***Succession planning*** to allow members to move into Director-level positions is part of each Directors contract.

***Turnover of Preference Employees*** (where they leave the job) has been reduced by 9.1% in the last five years.

Those hired are staying longer.

17% of all Preference employees utilize laptop computers to further develop their computer skills.



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## Announcement

### *Primary Election announced!*

The Election Board has announced that it has declared a **Primary Election** to be held in February. The exact date and details were not available at Currents press time (Jan 5<sup>th</sup>). We encourage you to go to the tribal website at [www.lrboi.com](http://www.lrboi.com) and look for announcements under the Election Board link. This will be the fastest way for you learn what's planned with the Primary.

The Election Board has reported that the timing of the Primary and General Election does fit within the established guidelines for the Tribal Election.

### *Candidate Forum January 20<sup>th</sup>!*

A **Candidates Forum** hosted by the Tribal Public Information Department has been scheduled for January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2007 at the Three Fires Conference Center. This forum will give each candidate an equal amount of time in which to present their thoughts and platform for your consideration. The Forum was scheduled at this time to insure the opportunity came prior to the Primary Election in February. Members of the Election Board will also be at the Forum to answer questions. You are invited to submit short questions to be presented to the candidates. Just e-mail them to [currentscomments@lrboi.com](mailto:currentscomments@lrboi.com) or mail them to the Public Information Department, 375 River Street, Manistee, MI 49660. For details on the Forum, see the accompanying graphic.

### *Candidate Forum Details*

The Tribal Candidate Forum follows the successful format of other Election Forums in providing each candidate an equal opportunity to present their views and platform to Tribal Citizens attending without prejudice or preference. All candidates are invited to participate. The forum follows a format successfully used by the League of Women Voters. Following are the rules of the event:

- Each candidate will be given an uninterrupted five (5) minute period to speak to the assembled Tribal Voters. Following the five minute speech, each candidate will be given the opportunity to answer a question drawn randomly by the candidate from a pool of questions submitted by Tribal Members regarding issues of concern and/or interest. They will have a two minute period to answer this question. Candidates will be given the opportunity to review all of the questions prior to appearing so that they may prepare answers in advance if they wish to do so.
- Selection of the pool of questions will be conducted by the Election Board.
- Timing of all segments will be conducted by members of the Election Board.
- Candidates will appear in the order listed by the Election Board in announcing the slate of eligible candidates.
- Candidates will appear with others running for the same office. As an example, all candidates for Ogema will speak in order as will all candidates for 9-County and other Council and Judicial seats.

Meet your Candidates!

The **2007 Tribal Election** is underway with a full slate of candidates approved by the Tribal Election Board. Following in this edition of the Currents you will find the slate of candidates for each of the available seats. In addition, you will be able to read submissions from the candidates. Each one of them has been given the opportunity to present either a 300 word entry or a 200 word entry with a photograph. In essence a one-quarter page free ad! You will find each of these submissions presented inside the Currents in the order received by the Public Information Department.

In following editions of the newspaper (March and April), candidates will be given the same opportunity and will be allowed to either run the same ‘ad’ or a new one. Be sure to read each month as we expect many of your issues to be addressed. Deadlines for the March edition are February 2<sup>nd</sup> and for the April edition, March 2<sup>nd</sup>.

THE CANDIDATES - 2007

Bernadene Crampton  
Kimberly Crampton

Judicial  
Dennis Krolczyk  
Angela Sherigan



Jeanine Barrow  
Tracy Frees

Election Board  
Peggy Vriesman



Norbert Kelsey  
Larry Romanelli

Tribal Ogema  
Frank Lewis  
Patrick Wilson



Loretta Beccaria (At Large)  
Michael Ceplina (At Large)  
Elaine Porter (At Large)  
Juanita Antoine (9 County)  
Kathryn Berentsen (9 County)  
Sherry Frees (9 County)  
Ben Hamilton (9 County)  
Steve Kequom (9 County)  
Kareen Lewis (9 County)  
John Pabami (9 County)  
Janine Sam (9 County)  
Richard Sprague (9 County)  
Robert Whiteloon (9 County)

Legislative  
Mary Bower (At Large)  
James DeVerney (At Large)  
Melissa Zelenak (At Large)  
Harold Battice II (9 County)  
Candace Chapman (9 County)  
Alyce Giltz (9 County)  
Robert Hardenburgh (9 County)  
Tammy Kleeman-Brown (9 County)  
Pamela Medahko (9 County)  
Patricia Ruiter (9 County)  
Joan Spalding (9 County)  
Levi Stone (9 County)  
Julie Wolfe (9 County)



Julie Wolfe



Aanii. Julie Wolfe  
ndizhinikaaz, Mshiikenh  
dodem, Manistee ndindaa.  
I am the Daughter of the late  
Jacquelyn Kelsey and the  
granddaughter of the late  
Marian (Wabsis) Battice and  
Julius Kelsey.I am a mother of  
six beautiful children, Josclyn, Jalissa, Jacob, Jasmine, Jacquelyn,  
JessieJames. I have been employed by our tribal government for five  
years.  
I am currently working as the Youth Prevention Counselor for Be-Da-  
Bin.I attended Westshore College and received an Associates of Liberal  
Arts and Sciences. I am currently enrolled at Ferris State University  
pursuing a Bachelors of Social Work. In my spare time I enjoy spending  
time with family and friends, attending cultural and Tribal gatherings.  
I believe it is vital to nurture our unique tribal identity, so we can  
preserve and maintain our culture, language, and traditions. I believe that  
the goal of the Tribe is not only to adequately provide for this generation,  
but for generations to come. As a Council member, I will strive to make  
every decision with the best interest of the membership in mind.  
Miigwech for your time and consideration.I look forward to serving the  
citizens of Little River Band as Nine County Councilor.  
Feel free to contact me 231-723-1110.

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Harold Battice



Harold Battice Tribal  
Council,9County 231-398-2621  
e-mail: hbattice@hotmail.com  
Many know who I am and what  
my accomplishments are. I hold  
an Associate of Arts Degree  
and an Associate of Science  
Degree from Muskegon Community  
College where I majored in businessAnd, attended the Seidman School  
of Business at Grand Valley State University majoring in Finance. I  
worked for the Oceana County Inter-tribal Council and participated  
with the Michigan Indian Employment & Training Services. I am  
presently working at the Casino as a Hotel Supervisor, and completed the  
Leadership Development Program.  
Many challenges face the tribe constantly and competent individuals  
dedicated to the preservation of our culture must make difficult decisions.  
Our leaders must possess the ability to manage tribal finances and  
address critical issues without jeopardizing the tribe’s future. Our leaders  
should preserve the future by first satisfying the needs of the membership  
today. A strong leader will know the right road to take today for a better  
tomorrow. I believe that everyone should be responsible for his or her  
actions, and should be held accountable for those actions. We must  
all work together for a stronger future. A vote for me is a vote for the  
membership. Miigwech!

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Alyce Giltz



Aanii.  
My name is Alyce Giltz and I  
am running for Tribal Council-Nine  
County. I am a 64-year-old mother of  
3 and grandmother of 7. I am a  
full-blooded Ottawa Indian and  
member of the little River Band of  
Ottawa Indians. I have lived in  
the Manistee area for 8 years and  
have been an active member of the Tribe. I was on the Elder’s Committee  
intermittently for 6 years, acting as at-large representative and trustee,  
and I served on the Enrollment Commission for 1 ½ years. Additionally, I  
have served on the Natural Resource Commission for the past 15 months  
  
I have worked for the tribal government as Human Resource secretary  
for the past 7 years. I believe that my personal strengths are that I have a  
good heart, good common sense, and a genuine interest in all aspects of  
the Tribe.  
If elected to Tribal Council, I will use these personal strengths to help  
make positive changes within the Tribe. I am deeply committed to the  
Tribe, and I will do all that I can to ensure it’s continued growth and  
development. I would love to be given the opportunity to serve the  
People. Miigwetch.

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Robert [Bob] James Whiteloon



Robert [Bob] James Whiteloon  
Candidate for Nine-County seat  
Nine- County seat for Tribal Council  
I am currently employed at the  
Little River Casino Resort as a  
Shift Manager Slot Operations. I  
started employment at the Little  
River Casino: 03/17/2000. I started  
out as Slot Representative, to Slot Supervisor, then to Relief Shift  
Manager Slot Operations, to present Shift Manager Slot Operations. I  
retired from Harbor Industries at Charlevoix Michigan with 27 years  
employment. I moved to Manistee, year 2000, to be involved in some  
aspect as a tribal member.  
☐ As a **Tribal Elder**, will represent all tribal members.  
☐ As a Council members I will communicate with utmost  
professionalism.  
☐ I will be demonstrating leadership that is inspiring to others and  
will help us to achieve our tribal visions for the future generations.  
☐ I believe the future of the tribe is strong government and  
exercising our sovereignty.  
☐ I will support all programs that are in the best interest of our  
members and to the future of the tribe.  
☐ **I ask for your support** so I can with enthusiasm and  
professionalism **support you on our tribal council.**

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Richard Sprague



Richard Sprague Nine-County  
District 231-398-3462  
With a background in social services  
I believe in inclusion rather than  
exclusion. I support job placement  
opportunities and tribal preference.  
I believe that LRBOI should diversify

through economic developments developing additional tribal-owned  
businesses and supporting individual entrepreneurs. Currently our  
opportunities to participate in governance are limited by the serious lack  
of information from council. We all lose when we are not consistently  
informed of legislative activity. I believe Tribal council should provide  
the unedited minutes of council meetings for all tribal households in a  
timely manner.

Other Goals and Objectives:

- Additional membership benefits at the Casino Resort
- Increasing housing opportunities for members through home  
ownership and affordable housing within the 1836 and 1855  
territories
- Multi-media transmissions of council meetings to Muskegon
- Automatic mailing of minutes
- Increase health benefits for ALL tribal members, regardless of  
income

I support per capita payments, members should decide how to spend their  
money instead of legislative programs like gas cards, etc. I have previous  
experience as a board member in several for profit and non profit  
organizations at local, state and federal levels. I believe that personal  
enrichment should not be a goal of anyone seeking elected office

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Sherry Frees

Dear Tribal Members,  
Hello, my name is Sherry Frees I am running for the position of Tribal  
Council for nine counties.  
I am in my second year as a part time student at Muskegon Community  
College I have been studying engineering, design and business in which I  
was privileged to be placed on the Dean’s list.  
Currently, I am working at Structural Concepts where I held the position  
of supervisor for two years.  
One of my main interests in obtaining the position of Tribal Council is  
to minimize the breakdown in the communications. I strongly believe in  
being accountable for my own actions.  
As a tribal member, I want to know ALL members have a voice and vote  
that is heard and counted. This concerns us as a tribe, no matter where  
you reside.  
As a child, I was taught that our elders were to be treated with the up  
most respect and dignity because they keep the stories of our history  
alive through their wisdom and knowledge, so we can remember who we  
are as Anishinaabek.  
Because of my strong moral beliefs and ethics, I am a very hard worker.  
I am used to working 40-50 hours weekly, and would be willing to just as  
hard for membership. I will remain fair, open-minded, thorough.  
I look forward to serving Membership to the fullest extent of my abilities  
through dedication, determination- giving you hundred twenty percent.  
Sherry Frees  
Nine County Tribal Council  
(231)773-0653 (message only)

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Kareen Lewis



Anii, I would like to introduce myself,  
my name is Kareen Lewis. Proudly,  
I am the Mother of 5 with my 3<sup>rd</sup>  
grandbaby on the way. I have 27  
nieces & nephews & 7 great-nieces &  
nephews. I grew up in Grand  
Rapids, attended Haskell in Kansas,  
and Fort Lewis College in Colorado.

Currently I am approaching my 7<sup>th</sup> year of employment as Legislative  
Legal Assistant for our tribe.

At Haskell, while working toward an A.A. in Liberal Arts I was honored  
with merit awards including “Kate Wagonsmith Scholarship” & the  
“Haskell Academic Excellence Award”

At Fort Lewis College, I was a Student Senator-Budget Committee, Program  
Director & D.J for KDUR Radio while working toward a Bachelors degree  
in Communications.

After moving to Manistee, I served as a Board Member of the Public,  
Educational & Governmental TV Station (Channel 2). I do cultural public  
speaking engagements & also teach regalia making for any historical time  
period.

I hope to utilize my personal life experience, professional knowledge,  
cultural insight & educational skills in the legislative body, as a personal  
representative of the people.

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Janine Sam

Dear Citizens:  
I am Janine M. Sam, daughter of the late Jonnie J. Sam and June Sam,  
granddaughter of George Sam and Maggie Pete-Sam. I have been a life-  
long resident of the Reservation, and have dedicated myself in service to  
my people since I was 18 years old.  
  
It has truly been my honor to serve as a member of your Tribal Council.  
Many beneficial changes have happened that I have been privileged to  
be a part of: the creation of the Elder’s Assistance Program, the Energy  
Relief Program, enhancements to the educational programs that support  
our children; expansion of health care services through the Extended  
Health Assistance Program, just to name a few.  
As the Council’s Recorder, I happily note that the Permanent Records  
of the Tribal Council are now filed, organized, and systems have been  
developed ensuring the Council’s records will stay that way. Serving  
as Recorder, Council successfully implemented changes allowing all  
members internet access of Council minutes and other information.  
I offer Experience, Dedication to my People, and a track record of  
developing benefit programs to enhance the quality of life for all citizens.  
The only “campaign promise” I make is to continue serving the people as  
I always have.  
  
In closing, I would ask that when you vote for the position of Judge, you  
would vote for the TRIBAL CITIZEN on the ballot that you think will do  
the best job. Our Ancestors suffered to ensure that we would be a people  
of self-governance, and the Judicial Branch should be comprised of  
CITIZENS, same as the Offices of Ogema and Council. Our Ancestors  
earned it, and our Children deserve it.

Thank you for your support,  
Janine M. Sam

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Juanita Antoine



I am the daughter of Charles and Charlene Antoine, granddaughter of Charles and Eleanor (Pete) Antoine. I have two sisters Julie and Debra. I am the mother of three children, two sons who live in Wisconsin and one daughter who is on the Tribal Police Force for LRBOI. I moved to Manistee over four years ago and am running for office with an open mind, fairness and equality for ALL Tribal Members. Based on a large amount of candidates running for office it’s evident that changes need to be made. If elected to office I would like to implement the following proposals to the newly elected council: 1.Diversifying of Tribal Businesses that will create new employment opportunities for Tribal Members. 2. Rewriting and changing current employment policies. 3. Currently all programs designed to help Tribal Members are federally run programs. I believe the LRBOI can also implement programs to help Tribal Members. 4. Establish an over-site department, which will ensure that ALL departments are run efficiently and fairly to ALL employees including phone calls being promptly returned. If elected to council I will treat ALL people with respect, fairness and equality.

Yours truly,  
Juanita M. Antoine

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"Important dates and information for Tribal Election '07"

- \*Candidate Forum January 20th
- \*Primary Election early February
- \*General Election April 27th

Candidate submissions for March issue due February 2nd by 5 p.m.

Candidate submissions for April issue due March 2nd by 5 p.m.

Candidate Submissions Judicial

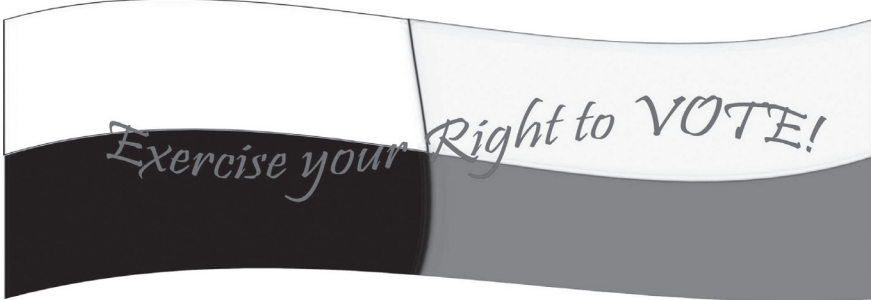
Bernadene Crampton



Do unto others as you would have them do unto you. This is a motto that I learned as a child and is based in a truth. My life has been based on this and other teachings. It is respect for people based on reciprocal respect. It is the belief that people know what is best for them. It understands that people have personal troubles that may take all their time and energy. It is the knowledge that the problems of one person may not be considered problems by other people. During my years in the helping professions, I have attempted not to judge a person, but to help with solutions that will bring about positive changes in their lifestyles. In my position, it does not matter to me who your relatives are. Every single person deserves the best services I can coordinate—to be the best that they can be. The end result is a better life for the children – the next generations. As a Tribal Court Associate Judge, this is the legacy I would like to share. It is the traditional way – the circle of life.

Bernadene Crampton  
Candidate for Office of Tribal Court Associate Judge  
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**Melissa Zelenak**

First of all I'd like to thank everyone who signed my election petition, who will vote for me in the future, or has helped me in any way over the years at LRB. Your support is deeply appreciated.

As your next At-large councilor I will:

- Work to restore balance and fairness in our government
  - Keep members informed about per capita
  - Never vote to remove a member elected Ogema from office
  - Always support the right for members to vote on important tribal matters
- I WILL FIGHT TO:**
1. STOP WASTE OF TRIBAL TIME AND MONEY!
  2. EXPAND TRIBAL BUSINESS--INCREASE REVENUE SOURCES
    - Research tribal investment ventures in Wisconsin, Illinois and other areas
    - Encourage tribal member business development throughout Michigan
  3. INCREASE ELDER CARE
    - Authorize elders stipends each month to offset medical, prescription, and housing costs
    - Provide insurance like Blue Cross instead of policies that jeopardize elders/spouses current benefits
    - Nursing/Retirement Home Program—put money away **now** to care for elders later
  4. IMPROVE COMMUNICATIONS--PROVIDE ACCOUNTABILITY!
    - I will consistently report my council work activities on my web site. You'll know what I'm doing, when, AND why. Learn what happens at the meetings I attend, what legislation I'm working on, where I travel to and more. **I believe council people should keep members informed about their work!**
    - I support providing cable and a Live Web-Cast of Tribal Council and Ogema meetings—see and hear for yourself what elected officials are (or aren't) doing and saying.
  5. PROTECT NATURAL RESOURCES AND SOVEREIGNTY
    - We must all work together to secure our tribal homelands, no matter where we live!

Please see <http://lrbmz.bravehost.com> for my personal, professional and other general LRB information. Many thanks to all for your consideration and vote, God bless, Melissa Zelenak.

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**Michael Ceplina**



My name is Michael Ceplina I'm 49 years old, married with 6 children. My wife Melanie is of Chippewa decent from Walpole Island. I'm son of Robert and Lorraine (Pete) Ceplina. Grandson of Joseph Pete and Josephine (Antoine) Pete. I moved here from Upper Michigan and took a job at the casino as a security officer. I then went to work for the waste water plant for over 4 years. During that time I obtained 6 licenses, 3 in waste water. I'm also a Natural Resource Commissioner where I've helped to ensure Treaty rights for our members.

If elected my main goal would be to decrease budgets allowing more money for our members. I would also like to see resolution in place that requires council and the Ogema to work 40 hours a week and attend commission meetings and have them take drug testing and background checks. I would like to see more items be brought our in to open session instead of closed session. I would also like to see more financial reports be given out to the membership on a regular basis.

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**Mary Bower**  
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**James DeVerney**

Candidate for: **At Large Area – Tribal Council**

Aanii/Boozhoo,

I am currently employed as Tribal Council Secretary. I first came to work for the Tribe in 2002, as a Secretary for the Maintenance Department. I have also worked for Family Services and as a file clerk in Membership Assistance. After a short period I was loaned out to the Tribal Council. The Council had a posting for a full time secretary, which I applied for and received in 2003.

I descend from George Hall and Elizabeth Green and their son Eddie Hall who married Martha (Bailey) Hall. Great Grandmother Martha (Bailey) Hall was the daughter of Henry Bailey and Mary Wakefield. Grandparents John and Sarah (Hall) Sikorski of which Sarah was the daughter of Eddie and Martha (Bailey) Hall; Parents are Dean and Nancy (Sikorski) Bower; Nancy is the daughter of John and Sarah (Hall) Sikorski. Here are a few of my concerns:

- \* I believe all elected officials should have to work everyday just like all other employees of the government.
- \* I believe Tribal members need to be more informed on Tribal issues since we all own the Tribe not just the Tribal Council.
- \* The Tribal employees and Council have phones in their offices so why do they need a cell phone.
- \* I would like more legal help for the membership that can't afford an attorney.
- \* I would work on getting mortgage assistance for down payments, no matter where you live.
- \* I will work for a better work environment for employees so they won't have to fear for their jobs.

Since I have worked in various departments of the Tribe, I feel I'm very knowledgeable and aware of Membership needs.

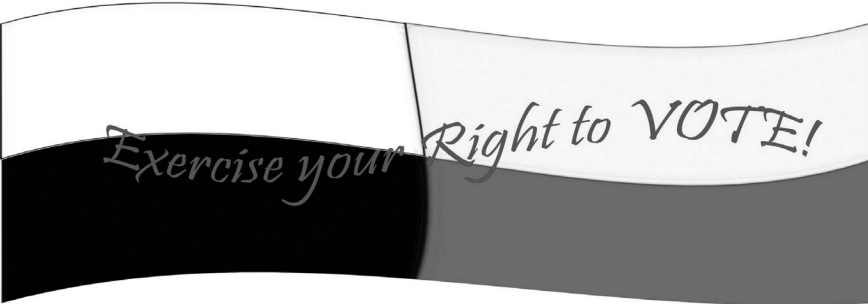
Hi!

My name is James DeVerney, and I am running for tribal council at large. I was born I Wisconsin, I've lived there most of my life. I have been married 13 plus years, we have 3 girls 17,13, and 10. I work for the casino as a table games floor supervisor and I take pride in the casino and what I do.

I am a veteran, my branch of service was U.S. Army from August 1988 to August 1992.

This is the first time I am running for tribal council and hope to serve the tribal members. I am for per cap. For all members, I am also for elders and childrens rights.

Thank you for your time,  
James DeVerney



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Frank Lewis



Anii, My name is Frank Lewis, Jr.; I have been married to my high school sweetheart for 26 years as of March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2006. I have 3 children, Jessica, Jennifer & Jillian & 2 grandchildren, Tanner & Madison who I spend much of my time with. I grew up in Grand

Rapids, my Father, Frank Lewis Sr., was born in Custer & raised in Hart and I am the oldest of 6 siblings.

I served 4 years with 425<sup>th</sup> Army Rangers-Airborne. I have been with Steelcase (a Fortune 500 Company) 24 years, with the last few years as a Senior Network Engineer. Prior to that I worked 7 years for Conrail as a Locomotive Engineer.

Currently, working on CCNA & CCNP Cisco Certifications & then will finish my 5 final classes toward my Bachelors Degree in Network Engineering, at Davenport University.

Drum Keeper for Mskwe Keshick, traditional dancer and participation in Anishnaabe Cultural Presentations for area schools are some of my interests. I volunteer my time taking Grand Rapids area Native children on survival outings during weekends to help them bond, build confidence & familiarize them with the woodlands.

If honored with the position of Tribal Ogema, I plan to be pro-active in diversification of our assets, improved customer service and effective communications, fair representation, planning & goal setting with the inclusion of tribal member input to better meet the needs of the people.

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Larry Romanelli



ANNI,  
I AM LARRY “LITTLE THUNDER” ROMANELLI. HAVING LIMITED SPACE, I WILL EXPLAIN MY POSITION BY FIRST ASKING A FEW QUESTIONS.- WHEN WAS THE LAST TIME YOU HAD THE

OPPORTUNITY TO VOTE ON A MOTION OR ORDINANCE AT A MEMBERSHIP MEETING?

- DID YOU KNOW IT IS A RIGHT GIVEN TO YOU BY OUR CONSTITUTION? (ART.VII, SEC.(a)3

- DO YOU BELIEVE THAT COMMUNICATION TO AND FROM THE GENERAL

MEMBERSHIP IS INADEQUATE AND NEEDS IMPROVEMENT? COMMUNICATION AND MEMBERSHIP RIGHTS ARE TWO KEY ISSUES THAT NEED CORRECTING IMMEDIATELY; ONLY THEN, CAN WE BEGIN TO MAKE NECESSARY CHANGES TO OTHER SERIOUS ISSUES SUCH AS , A COMPLETE LOOK INTO PERSONNEL POLICIES, INCLUDING HIRING PRACTICES AND FIRING PROCEDURES; PER CAP, TRIBAL SPENDING, ENSURING CONTRACT HEALTH VENDORS ARE BEING PAID, AND GIVING OUR ELDERS THE POWERS GRANTED BY OUR CONSTITUTION, JUST TO NAME A FEW.

AS TO HOW I WILL MAKE CHANGES, I PLAN ON ENCOURAGING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NINE-FAMILY/CLAN COMMISSION, CHOSEN BY YOU THE MEMBERS. THIS COMMISSION COULD ACT AS A “WATCHDOG” FOR ALL TRIBAL BUSINESS,, HANDLE MEMBERSHIP CONCERNS AND ENSURE ADEQUATE COMMUNICATION TO ALL MEMBERS, IN AND OUT OF STATE.

FOR MORE IN-DEPTH INFORMATION PLEASE GO TO [www.angelfire.com/blog/littlethunder](http://www.angelfire.com/blog/littlethunder) MIIGWETCH !

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Patrick D. Wilson



Ogema  
Bozhoo, my fellow tribal members.  
Once again, it is election time. There are many candidates to choose from. You may ask why would I vote for Pat Wilson. Here are some reasons, I am for Progress, being Positive, and

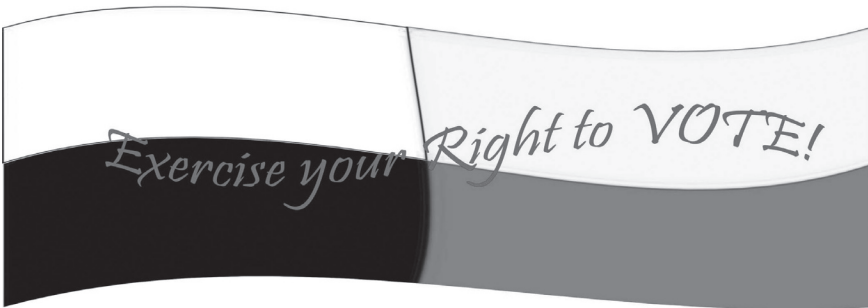
above all I am for our People. Progress to me means, moving the tribe forward by creating a stable tribal economy. An economy that does not rely on gaming revenue. By doing this, we can have a realistic way to develop a real per-capita plan. There is a lot of work ahead of us. We will need to do research and develop tribally owned businesses, and to create a tribal investment portfolio.

Being positive, is doing all things in a good way, helping all tribal members, and planning for the next seven generation.

Our People, our members of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians, we are a sovereign nation. The Ogema and other elected officials are to “maintain and foster our tribal culture, provide for the welfare and prosperity of our people.” This quote is from our Preamble, it should guide us.

Miigwech for your time Pat Wilson, Phone # 231-398-0325.

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"Important dates and information for Tribal Election '07"

- \*Candidate Forum January 20th
- \*Primary Election early February
- \*General Election April 27th

Candidate submissions for March issue due February 2nd by 5 p.m.

Candidate submissions for April issue due March 2nd by 5 p.m.



Family Services Department

Community Healing Starts with Each Individual and our Relationships

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND SEXUAL ASSAULT RESOURCES

KENT COUNTY		24 hr Crisis (231) 722-3333	
YWMCA Domestic Crisis Center	(616) 459-4681 Crisis (616) 451-2744	NEWAYGO COUNTY WISE	Crisis (231) 796-6600 Or (800) 374-9473
LAKE, MASON, AND OCEANA COUNTIES		OTTAWA COUNTY	
Region Four Community Services	Crisis (800) 950-5808	Center for Women in Transition	Crisis (616) 392-1970 Or (800) 848-5991
MANISTEE COUNTY		WEXFORD COUNTY	
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MUSKEGON COUNTY		LRBOI Domestic Violence	
Every Women’s Place	Main (231) 759-7909	Prevention Program	Toll free (888) 723-8288
	Direct (231) 398-6726		

LRBOI Family Services: Departmental Information:

LRBOI Manistee Office

Location:	1762 US 31 South Manistee Mi 49660	LRBOI Muskegon Office	
Phone:	1-888-723-8288 or (231) 398-6726	Location:	1465 Apple Ave, Muskegon Mi 49442
		Phone:	231-777-1390
Hours:	Tuesday thru Thursday- 9 to 4:30*		



Saving our Environment



Saving the environment can save you money.

Elder Gene R. Schuldlich three years ago customized a 1991 geo metro, chopped top, eagle graphic on truck, high pressure tires, synthic oils and a few more things. That changed gas mileage 32-42 to 45-75 MPG. A year ago He was asked to show it at an Alternate Fuel Show. Sense then he built 2 more vehicles and 4 shows later he has a 1980 VW Truck built ground up, 12 inches lower roof, 750 lbs. Lighter (1650), running on Bio-Diesel at 80 miles per gal. At the Dec.9-10 2006 ALT CAR EXPO in LA at the Santa Monica airport He was the only one who didn’t have to pay the minimum fee of \$1700.00. He said the show looked like science fiction. All the car companies from all over the world was there with their future cars. The first public showing of the UEV Spyder Elettric Sports Car (300 miles 4.7 sec. 0-60) to His \$500 total cost 80-MPG Bio-Diesel VW Truck. It seems His Truck was getting more attention than the other cars around Him. [www.c-5org](http://www.c-5org) [www.autobloggreen.com](http://www.autobloggreen.com) more pictures. His Environment Scientist Daughter Regena Orr may have changed Him from race-cars to SAVING THE ENVIRONMENT.



IMPORTANT INFORMATION!!!!

In January the Education Department will be sending out registration forms for LRBOI/JOM Student Services for 2007. For mailing this registration form we will be requesting mailing labels from the Enrollment Department for every Tribal member from 3 to 19 years old. If your child is a Tribal member, 3 years old and enrolled in preschool (at the time you receive the registration form) or up to 12<sup>th</sup> grade (not adult education programs for GED, and not in college), then he/she is eligible for this program.

This registration form serves as the application for the \$400 school clothing bank cards issued in August. For 2007 the deadline for completing this registration form is Friday, February 16, 2007. Your child’s registration form must be completed and returned postmarked no later than February 16, 2007 or your child will not receive the \$400 bank card for school clothing.

Sometime during the early part of January you will receive the registration form. It is mailed in a bright yellow envelope with “Education” stamped in red letters. Enclosed in the envelope will be a notice with all deadline dates, the Student Services Registration Form, a sheet with 3 specific service request forms (Activities, Class Ring/Senior Expenses, Driver’s Education), and a pre-posted return envelope. It is imperative that you complete the registration form and return it in the pre-posted envelope postmarked no later than February 16, 2007. Any applications received with a postmark later than February 16, 2007 will not be accepted. Faxes, copies and hand delivered registrations will not be accepted.

To confirm that we have received your registration, the Education Department will send receipt postcards, as well as an email notification to those who include an email address in the registration. If you do not receive either a receipt postcard or email notification by March 9, 2007 you will need to contact us on or before March 15, 2007. On March 16, 2007, the final list for ordering National City Bank Cards will be completed. IF YOUR CHILD IS NOT ON THE LIST, FOR ANY REASON, HE OR SHE WILL NOT RECEIVE THE \$400 BANK CARD!!!

The following steps will ensure that your child receives the \$400 school clothing bank card:

1. Make sure that your current address on file with the Enrollment Department is the address you are receiving your mail at in January. If you are moving, make sure you submit a change of address to the Enrollment Department for each child.
2. Complete the LRBOI/JOM Student Services Registration Form and return to LRBOI in the pre-stamped envelope postmarked no later than February 16, 2007
3. Notify the Education Department by the end of January 2007 if you don’t receive a Registration Form for any of your children. (You must have a separate registration form for each child)
4. Notify the Education Department on or before March 15, 2007 if you have not received a receipt post card or email for any of your children. (You will receive a separate receipt post card and email for each child)
5. If you move during the period between completing the Registration Form in January and receiving the National City Bank Card in August, make sure that you complete a change of address form for each child and submit it to the Tribal Enrollment Department. If you are moving close to the time cards are expected to arrive (early to mid August) make sure that you leave a forwarding address with the Post Office.

*Please note that (barring a court order that states otherwise) completing an application for a child who does not live with you, spending down a card issued to a child over whom you do not have custody, and misusing the card in any way can result, and has resulted, in prosecution.*

If you have friends or family members who move often or who may not receive Little River Currents for any reason, please share this information with them. It can mean the difference of students having access to \$400 for school clothes or not.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER FOR LRBOI/JOM STUDENT SERVICES

JANUARY 31, 2007	Notify Education Department if you have not received Registration Forms for each of your children (enrolled Tribal Members) [Forms come in bright yellow envelopes stamped <b>Education</b> in red ink] [Yvonne at (231) 398-6735 or Deb at (231) 398-6724]
FEBRUARY 16, 2007	LRBOI/JOM Student Services Registration forms must be post marked and mailed separately for each of your children (no copies, faxes or hand delivered registrations will be accepted)
MARCH 9, 2007	Receipt Post Cards and Emails for each of your children should be received.
MARCH 15, 2007	Last day to notify Education Department if you did not receive a receipt Post Card or Email for each of your children [Yvonne at (231) 398-6735 or Deb at (231) 398-6724]
MARCH 16, 2007	Final Bank Card list completed. Students not on this list, for any reason, will not receive the \$400 bank card in August
AUGUST, 2007	Bank Cards will be delivered via Certified Mail. If you have moved since submitting your registration forms, make sure your correct current address is on file with the Tribal Enrollment Department for each of your children
DECEMBER 1, 2007	Last day to request LRBOI/JOM Student Services Assistance for: Activities (\$100), Class Ring (\$100), Senior Expenses (\$325), Driver’s Ed (\$250)

# Members Assistance

*Mkwa-Giizis (Bear Moon)*  
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**\*Food Assistance Program**

This program provides assistance to members who meet the eligibility requirements and are experiencing a dietary/food crisis. Assistance is available in all states. If you are receiving food assistance from another agency, please verify with agency to ensure accessing this program will not affect your benefits. Eligibility Requirements:

- Tribal member is a permanent member of the household
- Household income does not exceed the income criteria; 175% of the FPIG
- Amount of assistance: \$300.00 per year per household; provided in three \$100.00 increments.

**Current Applicant Reminder: As we get closer to the end of the year please be sure to access the full amount of assistance by December 16, 2006.**

**\*Low Income Energy Assistance Program**

This program provides assistance to members who meet the eligibility requirements and are experiencing an energy crisis. Assistance may be accessed once per year up to maximum amount not to exceed \$300. Assistance is available in all states. Eligibility Requirements:

- Tribal member is a permanent member of the household
- Household income does not exceed the income criteria; 175% of the FPIG
- Received a shut off notice from utility vendor
- Received a denial from an outside agency for utility assistance
- Amount of assistance: \$300.00 per year; per household.

**\*Rental and Mortgage Assistance Program**

This program provides assistance to members who meet the eligibility requirements and are experiencing a housing crisis. Assistance is available in all states. Program may be access once every two years. Eligibility Requirements:

- Tribal member is a permanent member of the household
- Household income does not exceed the income criteria; 175% of the FPIG
- Received an eviction or foreclosure notice
- Received a denial from an outside agency for assistance
- Amount of assistance: Equivalent to one month’s rent or mortgage payment not to exceed \$1000 or; in the event of eviction or foreclosure amount not to exceed \$1000 to stop eviction or foreclosure proceedings.

**Home Repair Program**

The Home Repair Program assists home owners who meet the eligibility requirements. The program assists with the repair of existing substandard roof, electrical, heating, plumbing and weatherization. Assistance is available in all states. Note: Home Repair Eligibility is based on Annual Gross Income, please contact department for income criteria.

- Tribal member is a permanent member of the household and reside in home year around
- Home is located in the continental United States
- Household income does not exceed the income criteria; program income guideline is based on annual gross income.
- Ownership of home is in the name of the Tribal member
- Home areas in need of repair meet the definition of substandard condition
- Home owners insurance, property taxes and mortgage payments must be up to date and in good standing
- Amount of assistance: Up to maximum of \$7500.00 per household

**\*LIHEAP**

**Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (Heat Source – Natural Gas, Propane, Electric, Coal, Fuel Oil and Wood)**

This is a grant funded program to provide assistance to members who meet the eligibility requirements and are experiencing a heating crisis and live in the 9 county service areas in Michigan. (Kent, Lake, Manistee, Mason, Muskegon, Newaygo, Oceana, Ottawa and Wexford)

- Amount of assistance varies according to individual income level, number of family members and available funding.
- Priority is given to Elders, Disabled and Single parents of young children.
- Eligible if someone in the household is receiving SSI benefits or are receiving Food Stamps

**Well and Septic Program**

The Well and Septic is an Indian Health Services (IHS) funded program. This program promotes health and safety for our tribal members by providing new or renovated sanitation facilities (Well and Septic). This program is available in the nine county service areas, there is no income requirement. Applicant must be;

- Enrolled member of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians.
- Reside in the nine county service areas (Kent, Lake, Manistee, Mason, Muskegon, Newaygo, Oceana, Ottawa and Wexford)
- Home must be the primary residence of applicant – (Reside in year around)
- Ownership of home/site must be in the tribal member’s name.
- Project Site meets the I.H.S Eligibility Requirements.

**\*Emergency Transportation Assistance**

The Emergency Transportation Assistance Program assists members experiencing a transportation crisis. Program scope for assistance is repair or replacement of mechanical and/or electrical items required for proper vehicle operation and maintenance of safety items.

- Tribal member is a permanent member of the household
- Household income does not exceed the income criteria; 175% of the FPIG
- Vehicle ownership is in the name of the Tribal member or a residence verified permanent member of the household
- Vehicle areas in need of repair meet the scope of the program.

Amount of assistance – Up to maximum of \$400.00 per household and applicant per year

**Elder Chore Assistance Program**



The Elder Chore Assistance assists elders age 55 and older. This program is intended to provide limited, short-term financial assistance to eligible Elder members who are disabled and are limited in their ability to perform routine household chores essential to their health and safety and have no other recourse for assistance.

There is no income requirement for this program. Elder must be a permanent member of the household a must provide proof of a permanent or temporary physical disability. Temporary disability shall be for no less than 30 days and shall be verified by documented evidence of temporary disability from a qualified mental health professional or medical professional. Permanent disability shall be verified by documented evidence from a qualified mental health professional or medical professional.

- The assistance for elder chore services are identified in the categories below;
- a. Snow Removal from drive way and sidewalks
  - b. Weather stripping around doors and windows
  - c. Grass cutting, leaf raking and removal, general clearing of debris around home
  - d. Gutter cleaning
  - e. General cleaning of the household including but not limited to dusting and cob web removal, vacuuming, trash removal, bathroom cleaning of toilets and water closets, dishwashing, laundry, scrubbing floors and walls, cleaning of appliances, washing windows, stripping and making of beds
  - f. Circumstances that are outside the scope of items listed may be applicable to the program scope only if left un-serviced poses a threat to the health and safety of the elder.

Amount of Assistance – Up to maximum of \$400.00 per household and applicant per year

Members Assistance Program Income Guidelines

Family Size	Federal Poverty Income Guideline	LRBOI Criteria Annual Income	3 Month Income Criteria
	100%	175%	
1	\$9,800	\$17,150	\$4,288
2	\$13,200	\$23,100	\$5,775
3	\$16,600	\$29,050	\$7,263
4	\$20,000	\$35,000	\$8,750
5	\$23,400	\$40,950	\$10,238
6	\$26,800	\$46,900	\$11,725
7	\$30,200	\$52,850	\$13,213
8	\$33,600	\$58,800	\$14,700

Federal Income Guideline provided by: Federal Register Part V. Department of Health and Human Services Dated January 24, 2006

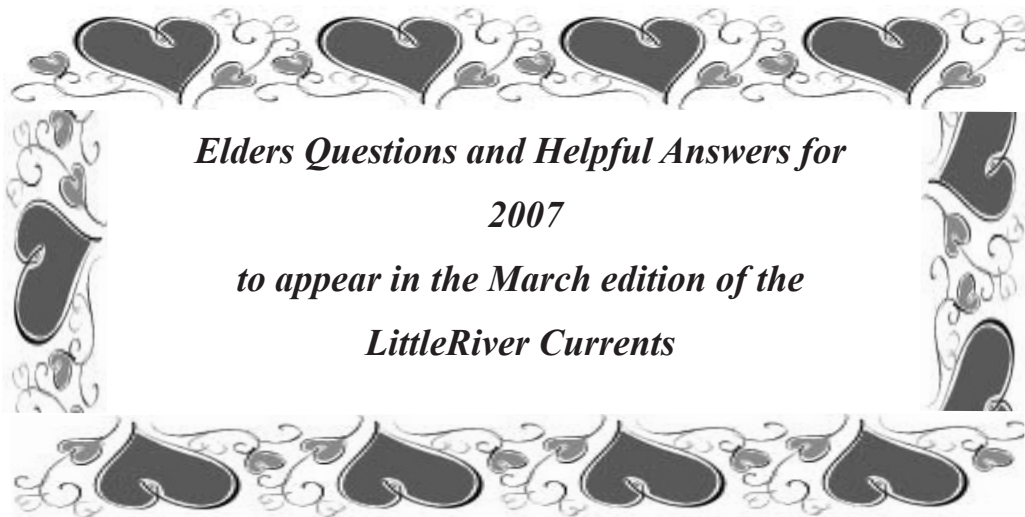
**HOUSEHOLD INCOME** – Household income eligibility determination is based on three months income prior to application. Applicant must provide proof of income for three months. Applicant and/or permanent household member shall complete the zero income form for periods within the three months where there is no income generated. Income requirement includes all individuals in household age 18 and older.

\*Program can be accessed by the Parent or Guardian of a member who has not reached the age of 18 or the legal guardian of a member who has been determined by a court of competent jurisdiction to require legal guardian over the person and/or affairs, provided that the guardian is not the State of Michigan or other state government. This information must be on file with the Enrollment Department.

Please contact the Members Assistance Department for complete program information and/or to request an application.

Amber Moore – Intake Clerk  
Linda Wissner – Intake Clerk  
Lee A. Ivinson – Members Assistance Coordinator

Phone: 231-723-8288 or Toll Free 888-723-8288  
Fax 231-398-6748



## *A Sign of the Times – Anishinaabemowin*

“Quick....there’s a fire, somebody pull the Skide Aangwaamjigan and then everybody head to the nearest Saagajiitan maanpii so they can get out.”

You might not hear this conversation anytime soon, but you could. Most noticeable in the Government Headquarters in Downtown Manistee are signs announcing things which are part of our everyday life...except they are in our native language!

This new signage is part of the ongoing effort to help everyone in tribal country become familiar with their language. The signs announce everything from fire alarms to bathrooms and have started to appear as part of a concerted effort for our language.

The signage program is part of the continuing effort by the Tribal Language Coordinator Kenny Pheasant to help us all become more fluent in the language of our tribe. A big Miigwetch to Kenny from the Historical Department.



## *2007 Hutton Junior Fisheries Biology Program*

The Hutton Junior Fisheries Biology Program is a summer mentoring program for high school students sponsored by the American Fisheries Society. The principal goal of the Hutton Program is to stimulate interest in careers in fisheries science and management among groups underrepresented in the fisheries professions, including minorities and women. Application to the program is open to all sophomore, junior, and senior high school students regardless of race, creed, or gender. Because the principal goal of the program is to increase diversity within the fisheries professions, preference will be given to qualified women and minority applicants. Students selected for the program are matched with a professional mentor in their area for a summer-long, hands-on experience in a marine or freshwater setting. A scholarship of \$3,000 is awarded to each student accepted into the program.

This is a great opportunity for high school students interested in fisheries to gain experience while working with the LRBOI Natural Resource Department for the summer. Student applications for the summer of 2007 are due by February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2007. More information can be found on the American Fisheries Society website at [www.fisheries.org](http://www.fisheries.org).

If you know a student interested in applying or have any questions please contact Justin Chiotti in the LRBOI Natural Resource Department.

Contact Information:  
Tel: (231) 398-2195  
Email: [jchiotti@lrboi.com](mailto:jchiotti@lrboi.com)



Aanii and Happy New Year from the Staff at BeDaBin.

We would like to say chi miigwech to all the Families that celebrated with us on New Year’s Eve at the second annual Safe & Sober Celebration. There were close to 200 of us gathered to bring in 2007. Ogema Wilson welcomed everyone and shared words of encouragement and support of sober lifeways. and then a dinner prayer was said by Joshua Wilson. The guest speaker of the evening, Marcus Briggs, shared an uplifting message about honoring the traditions of all Anishinaabe by remaining alcohol and drug free. A highlight of the evening was a hoop dance performance by Cheyenne Stonefish, Beedoskah Stonefish, Waskwane Stonefish (amazing job ladies!!) other activities included karaoke, children’s games, bingo, and moonwalk. We ended the night with countdown balloon drop at midnight followed by a giveaway sponsored by Tribal Historic Preservation.

Chi Miigwech to the many volunteers for their help because this would not have been possible without them: Sally Bell, Joshua Wilson, Julie Ramsey, Ernest Calvillo, Pat Wilson, Stephanie Chau, Kareen Lewis, Sharon Shepard, Jeanne Parsons, Verna Wolfe, Anthony Rodriguez, Israel Stone, Angie Willis, Coleen deBres, Al deBres, Lila deBres, Joshua Stone, Becky Stone, Desiree Frecahett, Steve Kequam, Ron Witterberg, Josclyn Cabarrubia, and Emily Bajtk.



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JULIE WOLFE  
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OGEMA WILSON



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LEFT

WASKWANE(8)  
MIDDLE

CHEYENE (15)  
RIGHT



HOOP DANCERS

BEEDOSKAH (9)  
LEFT

WASKWANE (8)  
RIGHT



HOOP GAME



HAPPY BIRTHDAY STEVE!



BALLOON DROP  
HAPPY NEW YEAR!



Muschigon Construction LLC job postings

Muschigon Construction, an LRBOI enterprise, has announced that they are now accepting resumes for the following two positions:

- Project Manager for Residential Construction
- Project Manager for Commercial Construction

If you are interested in applying for either of these positions, please send a letter and resume to: Muschigon Construction LLC, 375 River Street, Manistee, MI 49660: attention Kathe Cabot. You may also e-mail your resume to [kcabot@lrboi.com](mailto:kcabot@lrboi.com) if you prefer. For further information on the positions, contact Kathy Cabot at 231.398.6871



Two Beavers Joint Venture announced!

Muschigon Construction LLC and DeVere Construction have announced their first joint venture, called Two Beavers. Two Beavers is now accepting applications for laborer positions through DeVere Construction. Applicants may personally contact the DeVere office at Little River Casino in Manistee or may submit their applications to Muschigon Construction/DeVere Construction, 375 River Street, Manistee, MI 49660, attention Fred Gagnier, Project Manager. For further information on the positions, contact Vice Chairman of the Mushigon Board of Directors, Virgil Johnson at 231.398.2840.

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Hello,

Over the holidays I watched the movie, "An Inconvenient Truth" by Al Gore. Some of you might not like Al Gore, and that's ok, but I urged you to go and rent this movie. It talks about global warming. I felt the need to share this with people and try to make changes not only personally but with everyone that I know. There are a few simple things that each of us could do to reduce our carbon outputs, from changing light bulbs to driving vehicles that get better gas mileage. Since I have worked for the tribe the philosophy has been that we are protecting our environments for seven generations. Well, I think this is the most important issue we should be focusing on as a Tribe. We need to set the standard for sustainable development.

For more information log on to: <http://www.climatecrisis.net/>

Please watch this movie and make your own conclusions.

Mark Knee

Wildlife Biologist

Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

375 River Street

Manistee, MI 49660

Phone: 231-398-2187

Fax: 231-723-8873

## Casino Board of Directors Posting

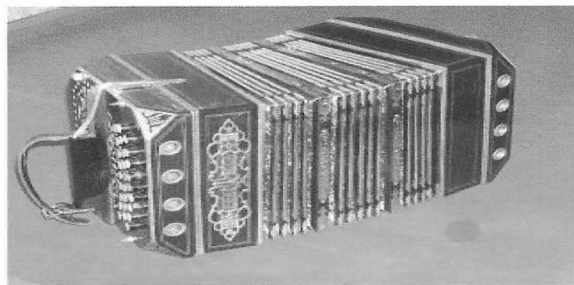
The Tribal Ogema is seeking letters of interest from Tribal members interested in serving on the Board of Directors with the Little River Casino Resort. If you are interested in serving on the Board of Directors, please submit a letter of interest along with your resume to the Tribal Ogema's office.

## Health Commission Position

The Tribal Ogema is seeking Tribal Members interested in serving on the LRBOI Health Board. If interested, please submit a to the Tribal Ogema's office.

Miigwetch,

Patrick D. Wilson, Tribal Ogema



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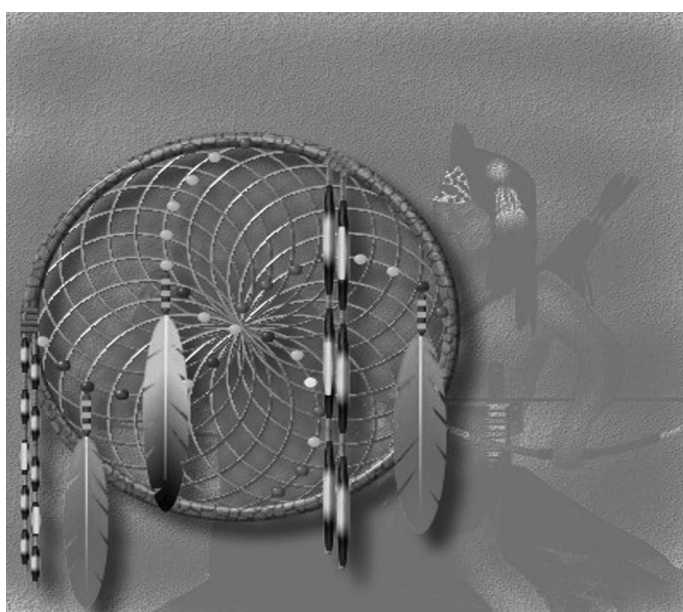
## *Tribal Member Highlight*



Duane Battice, System Administrator of LRCCR  
IT Department

Son of the late Harold Battice and Katherine (Phillips) Battice. 7 brothers and sisters; 4 of which are LRBOI Tribal Members. My wife is Stacey (Snowden) Battice, we have two children; son Dakota who is 4 yrs old and daughter Alleah who is 7 months.

I began working at LRCCR in January of 2000 as a Cage Cashier. I then hired into the Information Technology (I.T.) as a Technician in June of 2000. I got promoted to System Assistant in April of 2002 and gained my current position in May of 2005. Being in I.T., I have been involved with all of the resorts expansions in one way or another. I have also been on the Employee Recognition Committee at the resort for 2006 and will continue for 2007. I have attended several Tribal functions and also the membership meetings. However, with my job responsibilities and family, it has not left me much time to get involved with many tribal activities.



### *Tribal Government Internships*

Tribal Members interested in doing an internship with the L.R.B.O.I. Tribal Government Office please contact:

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Little River Casino Resort

Look What's Rolling at the River

Preference Employees at  
the Little River Casino Resort

Little River Casino Resort welcomes the following new hire preference employees for December 2006

- Matthew Battice – Hotel House Person
- Nancy Battice – Hotel Housekeeper
- Kristil Shownowsky – Food and Beverage Pantry Cook
- Jessica Vasquera – Hotel Housekeeper
- Maureen Torrie – Hotel Housekeeper
- Deborah Cracraft – Hotel Housekeeper
- Carrie Harley – Hotel Coat Check

Preference Employees at LRCR celebrating “Years of Service”  
Anniversaries in January 2007

- Duane Battice – IT System Administrator – 7 years
- Vern Gauthier – IT Network Analyst – 7 years
- Vikki Glover – Hotel Housekeeping Supervisor – 4 years
- Theresa Davis – Hotel PBX Operator – 2 years
- Brian Medacco – Finance Budget Analyst – 1 year
- Charles King – Hotel Room Inspector – 1 year
- Ed Cobb – Facilities Groundskeeper – 1 year



## Original Man

--Excerpt from *The Mishoomis Book* by Edward Benton-Binai

After Original Man was placed on the Earth, he was given instructions by the Creator. He was told to walk this Earth and name all the owayseug (animals), the plants, the hills, and the valleys of the Creator's gitigan (garden).

Original Man had no name of his own yet. People would refer to him as Anishnabe and, still later, Nanabooshoo. But at this time, he who had no name would name all the Creation.

As Original Man walked the Earth, he named all of the nibi (water). He identified all the rivers, streams, ponds, lakes, and oceans. He learned that there were rivers that ran underground. These are the veins of Mother Earth. Water is her life blood. It purifies her and brings food to her.

Original Man also named all the parts of the body. He even named the okunnug (bones) and organs inside the body.

While Original Man was carrying out the instructions given to him by the Creator, he noticed the Earth had four seasons. All life was part of a never-ending cycle.

The plants were given new life in the spring. With the coming of summer, they blossomed and bore the seeds for the next generation. Some of the plants produced fruits.

In the fall season, the leaves of many of the plants turned from green to many spectacular colors. The leaves gradually fell to the ground as the giizhigaddoon (days) got shorter and the deebeekaddoon (nights) got colder.

In the winter, the cold winds of the geewaydin (north) brought the purifying snows that cleansed Mother Earth. Other plants fell into a deep sleep and awoke only when Grandfather Sun and the warm winds of the Zhawanoong (south) announced the coming of spring.

As Original Man traveled to Earth, he identified what fruits were good to eat and what was not to be eaten. As he went, he found that some ogeebiccoon (roots) were good for food. Others were good for mushkeeki (medicine). Some roots could be used to make dyes of different colors and flavorings for food. Other roots could be used as a strong thread in sewing and in making tools.

As he walked, Original Man talked with the animals. He named them as he went. He noted that some animals were good for wesinniwin (food) and medicine. He noticed that each type of animal had its own individual kind of wisdom. He did not know that all of these plants and animals would play an important part for all the people that would be coming to live on the Earth at a later time.

Original Man traveled everywhere. There was not one plant, animal, or place that was not touched by him.

In his travels, Original Man began to notice that all the animals came in pairs and they reproduced. And yet he was alone.

He spoke to his Grandfather, the Creator, and asked, "Why am I along? Why are there no other ones like me?"

Gitchii Manito answered, "I will send someone to walk, talk, and play with you."

He sent Maengun (the wolf).

With maengun by his side, Original Man again spoke to Gitchii Manito, "I have finished what you asked me to do. I have visited and named all the plants, animals, and places of the Earth. What would you now have me to do?"

Gitchii Manito answered Original Man and Maengun, "Each of you are to be a brother to the other. Now, both of you are to walk the Earth and all its places."

So Original Man and Maengun walked the Earth and came to know all of her. In this journey they became very close to each other. They became like brothers. In their closeness they realized that they are brothers to all of the Creation.

When they had completed the task that Gitchii Manito asked them to do, they talked to the Creator once again.

The Creator said, "From this day on, you are to separate your paths. You must go different ways."

"What shall happen to one of you will also happen to the other. Each of you will be feared, respected and misunderstood by the people that will later join you on this Earth."

This last teaching about the wolf is important for us today. What the Grandfather said to them has come true. Both the Indian and the wolf have come to be alike and have experienced the same thing. Both of them mate for life. Both have a Clan System and a Tribe. Both have had their land taken from them. Both have been hunted for their meenjun (hair). And both have been pushed very close to destruction. We can tell about our future as Indian people by looking at the wolf. It seems as though the wolf is beginning to come back to this land. Will this prove that Indian people will cease to be the "Vanishing Americans?" Will Indian people emerge to lead the way back to natural living and respect for the Earth Mother?

The teaching about the wolf is important for another reason. From the wolf came the animooshug (dogs) that are friends to our people today. They are brothers to us much like wolf was a brother to Original Man. Because Gitchii Manito separated the paths of wolf and man and since our dogs today are relatives to the wolf, we should never let dogs be around our sacred ceremonies. To do so would violate the Creator's wishes and endanger the lives of those participating in the ceremony. So also, dogs are not supposed to be around places where ceremonial objects are stored. Some tribes today honor dogs in special ceremonies. This is done to recognize the special brotherhood that existed between wolf and Original Man.

It is from the sacrifice that Original Man made in naming all of the Creation that our Naming Ceremonies today are taken. For this ceremony, a medicine person is asked by the father and mother of a child to seek a name for their young one. This seeking can be done through fasting meditation, prayer, or dreaming. The Spirit World might speak to the medicine person and give a name for the young child.

At a gathering of family and friends, the medicine person burns an offering of Tobacco and pronounces the new name to each of the Four Directions. All those present repeat the name each time it is called out.

In this way the Spirit World comes to accept and recognize the young child with the new name. It is said that prior to the Naming Ceremony, the spirits are not able to see the face of the child. It is through this naming act that they look into the face of the child and recognize him as a living being. Thereafter, the Spirit World and all past relatives watch over and protect this child. They also prepare a place in the Spirit World that this living being can occupy when his life on Earth is at an end.

At this ceremony the parents of the child ask four women and four men to be sponsors for the child. It is a great honor to be asked to fill this position. After the child is given a name, each of the sponsors stand and proclaim a vow to support and guide this child in his development. In this way a provision is made by which the child will always be cared for.

Through this Naming Ceremony that was started by Original Man continuity is given to the lives of the people who would come to inhabit the Earth.

Today, we should use these ancient teachings to live our lives in harmony with the plan that the Creator gave us. We are to do these things if we are to be the natural people of the Universe.

Native American Belief

--Passamaquoddy Community Vision 1996

Long ago Indian people had a vision—it was of living in harmony with the Mother Earth and using Mother Earth’s gifts to take care of our people, our families, and ourselves.

Some of the values which guided our people through life’s journey were:

Respect for Mother Earth. Take only what you can use. Honor Her for Her many gifts.

Respect for Elders. Listen to their wisdom. Honor them for their years of living and knowing.

Respect for children. Be good teachers to them. Show them responsibility and honor.

Respect the family. Care for one another. Make the family a place of love and safety.

Respect others in the community. Treat one another as equals. Welcome each person’s gifts.

Respect the circle—Mother Earth, Elders, Children, Family, All people. By respecting the Circle, Indian people survived and thrived. Indian people had a good life when they worked together.

Barbecued Deer Ribs

Ingredients:

- 1 cup ketchup
- ¼ cup vinegar
- ¼ cup Worcestershire sauce
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon pepper
- 2 teaspoons chili powder
- ¼ teaspoon cayenne pepper
- 2 onions, finely chopped
- 1 ½ cups water

Split washed ribs. Cover with sauce; cover the pan and bake at 350 degrees for one hour. Uncover and continue to bake for another 30 minutes. Turn during last half-hour several times, to brown.

Important Anouncement From CPC!

Aanii,

The Cultural Preservation Committee would like to inform everyone of the following:

- \*The annual snowsnake classes and tournament will NOT be held this year due to the unusual and unpredictable weather this year.
- \*Regalia class will be held in the fall this year in an effort to balance out the Cultural Preservation Committee’s events throughout the year. This is also being done so that class participants have adequate time to complete their regalia without feeling rushed.
- \*The summer Pow Wow will be held on June 30th and July 1st this year. Please watch your email and upcoming issues of Currents for more information.

Miigwech!



The following pieces were fired 3 times to get the deep grey background color from burning paper and pine needles:

Left - ‘Green Leaves & Dragon Fly’

Right - “Multi Color Seed Pot “ - with beads, bells & horse hair on wooden branch stopper.



Shirley M. Brauker owns Moon Bear Pottery and Indian Arts  
She can be reached at: moonbear@cbpu.com You can also visit her web site: <http://www.cbpu.com/moonbear>



## Do You Know These People?

The Tribal Historic Preservation Department has been working to create, restore, and preserve the Tribe's pictorial archives. Many of the previously published pictures were identified and we appreciate everyone who helped to put names with the faces. We have recently added more photos to our archives and again have some unidentified pictures. We are hoping that you may know one or some of these people pictured below; if so, please contact Valerie Chandler, Historic Preservation Coordinator at 1-888-723-8288, ext. 2222 or (231) 398-2222 or email at [vchandler@lrboi.com](mailto:vchandler@lrboi.com). Miigwech!



## Old Newspapers Needed

The Historic Preservation Department is looking for copies of the Tribal newspaper from previous years. The issues that are needed to complete the archive are:

- 1991—Any from this year, except November
- 1992—Any from this year
- 1993—Any from this year
- 1994—Any from this year, except June & August
- 1995—January, February, March, April, August, September, November
- 1996—Any from this year, except February
- 1997—February, May, June, August
- 1998—September, November, December
- 1999—February, March, April, May, July, August
- 2000—February, June, September, October, December
- 2001—January, July, August, October, November
- 2002—August
- 2003—November, December
- 2004—January, September
- 2005—January

If you have any of these issues and are willing to either donate them to the archives or let us copy them, please either drop them off at the Historic Preservation Office located at the Justice Center at 3031 Domres Road in Manistee or send them to:

Little River Band of Ottawa Indians  
Attn: Historic Preservation  
375 River Street  
Manistee, MI 49660

## Rolled Wheat Raisin Crispies

1 cup shortening  
2 cups brown sugar  
2 egg  
2 cups flour  
1 teaspoon baking soda  
1 teaspoon salt  
2 cups uncooked quick rolled wheat  
1 cup raisins

Mix fat, sugar, eggs, beat well.  
Mix in flour, baking soda, and salt.  
Mix in rolled wheat and raisins, drop dough from teaspoon on baking pan.  
Bake at 375 F 10 to 12 minutes until lightly browned.

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Ask for Yvonne Theodore or George Lawrence or Laurie Jackson.

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## *Publications help older adults prevent falls*

CDC, in partnership with the CDC Foundation and MetLife Foundation, has produced four posters and redesigned two of its popular brochures to help older adults—and those who care for them—prevent falls and the injuries and deaths that result. These materials are important resources to protect the health and independence of older adults.

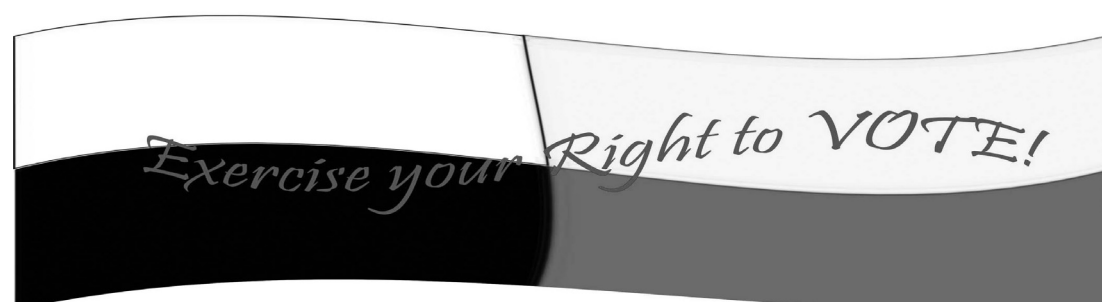
- *What YOU Can Do to Prevent Falls* outlines four key fall prevention strategies. Strategies include exercising regularly, having medicines reviewed to reduce side effects and interactions, having yearly eye exams, and reducing fall hazards in the home.
- *Check for Safety: A Home Fall Prevention Checklist for Older Adults* guides readers in a room-by-room check of their home to find and fix hazards that can increase the risk of falling.
- Four posters, designed for use in health care facilities, senior centers, and other community organizations, highlight the messages in the brochures.

Data released November 17, 2006, in CDC's *Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report*, show that age-adjusted rates of deaths from falls among adults 65 and older have risen significantly in the past decade. Falls often lead to serious injury, including fractures and head traumas, which can rob older adults of their mobility and independence. Falls also claim the lives of thousands of older adults each year. In 2003, more than 13,700 people 65 and older died from falls; 1.8 million older adults were treated in emergency departments for nonfatal injuries from falls, and more than 460,000 of these patients were hospitalized.

CDC's fall prevention brochures and posters are available in English, Spanish, and Chinese. To download or order free copies, go to [www.cdc.gov/ncipc/duip/fallsmaterial.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/ncipc/duip/fallsmaterial.htm).

To learn more about falls among older adults and about CDC's fall prevention activities, go to the Injury Center's newly updated falls website [www.cdc.gov/ncipc/duip/preventadultfalls.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/ncipc/duip/preventadultfalls.htm).

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## Want to be a Journalist?

Have you ever thought about being a journalist? Here's your chance. The Public Information Department is looking for young Tribal Members who would like to explore the profession of Journalism. If you are interested in becoming what is called a "Free Lance Journalist" for the Tribal newspaper, the Little River Currents, this is your chance.

Beginning in 2007, we are looking for a few young members who would be interested in learning how to cover events and/or write articles of interest for the newspaper. You will receive coaching and you will be paid for each article that is printed.

You don't have to have previous experience but good English skills are necessary. Also, you will need to have access to a digital camera and the Internet (e-mail).

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Happy Valentines Day to all LRBOI!  
We wish you all the love you could ever hope for!  
-Love Angela Eagle and kids

Happy Valentines Day to all our friends and family  
at the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians.

-From Clatus, Nicole, and family

## Happy Birthday

Happy Birthday Clatus on your 41st. It only gets better from here. (Feb.25th)  
-Love, Nicole, Rachel, Bronsen, and Blaque

Happy 41st to Butch  
-Love Patty, Billy and Calvin

Celebrating your birthday Celia Petts Kohls! 7 Children, 15 Grandchildren, 13 Great Grandchildren.  
-We love you! Chris

Happy 11th Anniversary to Dad and Mom (Clatus and Nicole)(Feb.24th)  
-We love you! Rachel, Bronsen, and Blaque

Happy Anniversary Butch and Nicole.  
-From Patty, Billy, and Calvin

## Congratulations!

Rodney Mathew passed the S-4 water distribution exam to add to the current licenses he already holds at the Utility Department.

## 100 Years Young!

One Hundred years young Irene Dickman!



Irene Dickman

Irene Allard was born to Peter and Charlotte Allard on February 11, 1907 on upper Hamlin Lake of Ludington Michigan.

Irene's mother and dad met at the logging camp town of Lincoln at the Hamlin Lake Dam, now part of Ludington State Park. Irene's mother worked as a cook and her father as a logger.

When Irene was about sixteen, her family moved up north. They traveled from Ludington to Manitowoc on the car ferry. They got off at Land O' Lakes where her father had a job as a Foreman of a log camp. When Irene was eighteen, she married Walter Dickman in Land O' Lakes, Wisconsin. They lived in a house her father built a new home on the Wisconsin River.

Irene has four children Ruth in Detroit and Northport, Bob in Land O' Lakes, Carolyn in Montana and Jerry in Watersmeet.

Irene has made hundreds of trips from Land O' Lakes to Ludington. She still makes the trip to Northport every spring to spend time with her daughters. Irene also has fourteen grandchildren. She still has many relatives in the Ludington area and we wish her a very happy birthday.

-Love Myrtie and Benita

From the office of the Ogema:

We have 500 pocket - sized booklets of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

Constitution available for Tribal Members. If you would like a booklet, please contact

Angela Eagle in the Public Information Department

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Or email your request to [aeagle@lrboi.com](mailto:aeagle@lrboi.com)

## Remembering You

Mickey

My heart aches, yet I smile every time I think of you. You left me with so many memories. I often pull one out- turn it over, and over in my mind and I am Happy and sad all at the same time. You let too soon and I miss you. One year later, there is still a huge emptiness in my heart. But my life was so much richer because you were my cousin. I love you.

-Your Cuz Linda

## Way to Go!

Way to go Julie Wolfe! on a GREAT New Years Eve. Party it was the best!

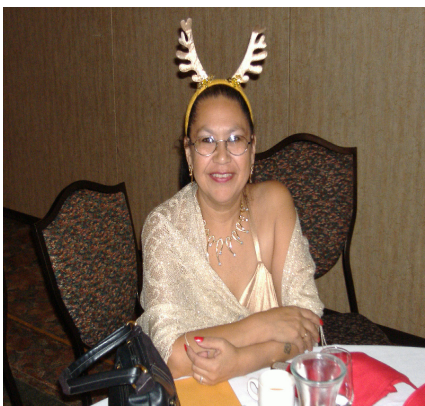
-Rachel, Bronsen, and Blaque

## Thank you

Thank you Little River Currents staff. For making it possible for us to send personal cheer to our loved ones.

-Nicole





Deb Davis



Jay Sam and Ogema Wilson



Five year employees



Dinner Guests

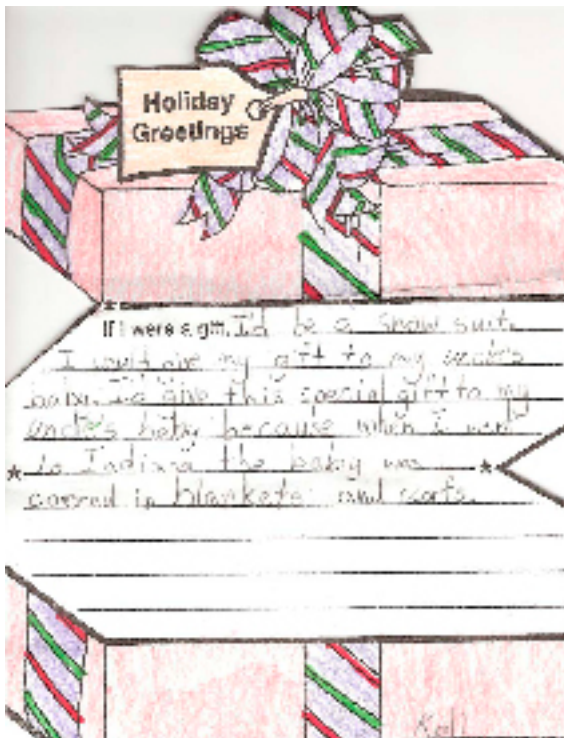


Appreciation plaque  
for five years of service



Kelseys Celebrate thier Anniversary

## Little Christmas Angel



### Thank You

Thank you Kali VanAelst for being such a caring, selfless person.  
When you visited Santa Claus in Walt Disney World instead of asking for a gift for yourself, you asked for a gift for the whole World,

### **"World Peace"**

When asked "If you were a gift" you answered that you would be

### **"A Snowsuit"**

for your newborn cousin, because she didn't have one.  
**Thank you for being my daughter, because without you my life would not be complete. I love you, Kali, with all my heart.**

Love,  
Your mother



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MEGWAA EZHIWEBAAK

Mkwa-Giizis (Bear Moon)

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## Elders' Appreciation

### Elders Appreciation Dinner 2006



The Human Resources Department of the Tribal Government sponsored an Elders Appreciation Dinner on December 10<sup>th</sup> at the Three Fires Conference Center in the Odawa Room.

Tribal HR Director Sharron Detz told the *Currents* that, "...without the help of the elders (by bringing their wisdom and knowledge to the table) we would not be in so good a position. That is why we give them this dinner. (It is) in appreciation for all their help throughout the year."

Elders assist in everything from interviews to commissions and committees within the tribal government and their insight and counsel is valued by all.

A big *K'chi Miigwetch* to them for their assistance.

## Elders' Breakfast



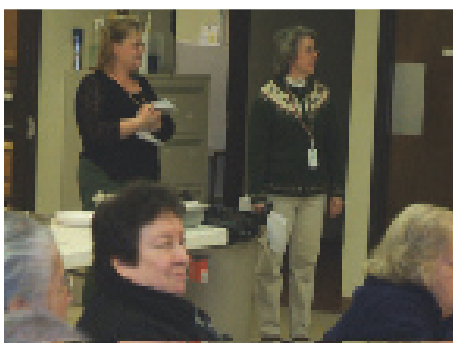
Elders



Christian Kequam and Julie Wolfe

### Elders' Breakfast

Tribal Elders from the Little River Band gathered for a breakfast meeting on December 14<sup>th</sup> at the Tribal Community Center (in Manistee near McDonald's). The event was sponsored by Be-Da-Bin Behavioral Health from the Clinic. Over 40 Elders participated in the event.



Dottie Batchelder and Deb Geno



Winner of a door prize

The program topic was "Suicide Awareness" and a lot of good information was presented to the Elders. Plus, they received an informational packet to take home with them.

Not only was there an informational program, but the Elders also played some Bingo, which was enjoyed by everyone. Door prizes were handed out as well as some casino packets from the Little River Casino.